Flouting ban on export of pulses

1086. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics have been regularly updating Government on pulses being shipped out during the ban period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government had taken against the exporters who had flouted the ban on the export of pulses, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics brings out after a time lag of about six month and makes available regularly on monthly basis the publication 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India'; Volume-I (Exports) that gives item-wise details of export.

(c) Cases have been registered against three exporters *viz.* M/S. KRBL Ltd., M/S Jet King International and M/S Kohinoor Foods with CBI. Action under FTDR Act has also been initiated against the above named exporters for suspension/ cancellation of IEC and imposition of penalty.

New Field firing range in A.P.

1087. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has permitted the establishment of a new field firing range in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the life safety measures adopted to prevent firing accidents; and

(c) the details of relief and rehabilitation measures taken by Government to compensate the victims?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of reply in (a) above.

Construction of road upto base camp of Mount Everest by Chinese Government

1088. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chinese Government are constructing a 105 km long road up to the base camp of Mount Everest;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the implications of the Chinese proposal from the point of view of country's defence as also the environmental angle; and